

**REMARKS**

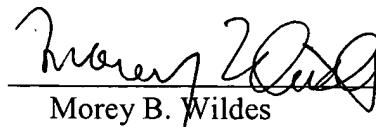
This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/856,009, filed November 18, 1999 as International Patent Application No. PCT/IL99/00623. Claims 1-33 are attached to the specification as amended under the Patent Cooperation Treaty Article 34 after the International Preliminary Examination.

In this Preliminary Amendment, the following amendments have been made:

- The specification and claims 10 and 20 have been amended in order to correct certain inaccuracies and typographical errors.
- Claims 21, 22, 25 and 28 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies.
- Claim 2 has been amended in order to provide proper antecedent basis for the limitation "drug derivative" and to more accurately describe the species claimed therein, and support for this amendment to claim 2 can be found at page 11, lines 14-16.
- Claim 12 has been amended to remove the limitation "drug derivative".
- Claims 8, 18 and 33 have been amended to delete references to subject matter claimed in the parent application of which this application is a divisional.
- Claim 30 was amended to provide better enablement support by incorporating the description of process steps set forth on page 19-20 of the specification

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by these amendments. Consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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